

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for matching a borrower to a loan provider offering a Federal Family Education Loan consolidation program comprising:

- 5 receiving student loans' data from a borrower at a website;
 receiving loan programs' criteria established for a borrower to qualify for a
 Federal Family Education Loan consolidation loan from each of a plurality
 of loan providers at the website;
 comparing the student loans' data from the borrower to the loan programs' criteria
10 of two or more of the plurality of loan providers in an electronic database;
 and
 electronically providing a list of one or more matching loan providers that offer a
 Federal Family Education Loan consolidation loan for whom the borrower
 qualifies to the borrower.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a commission from a loan provider
 originating a consolidation loan to the borrower.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is
 determined by whether the borrower has any loans in default.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is
20 determined by whether the borrower is consolidating spousal loans.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is
 determined by the borrower's outstanding balance for loans to be consolidated.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is
 determined by whether the borrower has any loans in default.

7. The method of claim 2 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is determined by whether the borrower is consolidating spousal loans.
8. The method of claim 2 wherein the list of one or more matching loan providers is determined by the borrower's outstanding balance for loans to be consolidated.
- 5 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining whether a single loan provider is the only possible match to the borrower because all of the borrower's loans to be consolidated are with one loan holder.
10. A system for matching a borrower to a loan provider offering a Federal Family Education Loan consolidation program comprising:
- 10 an online prospective borrower interface to receive prospective borrower student loans' data over a wide area network;
- a qualification engine connected to the wide area network for receiving the student loans' data, wherein based on the student loans' data the engine analyzes predetermined criteria of a plurality of loan providers offering a Federal Family Education Loan consolidation loan to determine whether the borrower qualifies for one or more
- 15 providers' loans; and
- an online reporting interface to provide the borrower a list of one or more matching loan providers with a loan program for which the borrower qualifies.
11. The system of claim 10 further comprising a tracker for monitoring the number of loan
- 20 provider matches for a preselected time period.
12. The system of claim 11 further comprising a tracker for monitoring loans originated by a matching loan provider.
13. The system of claim 10 further comprising a commissions calculator for determining commissions due from a matching loan provider.

14. The system of claim 10 wherein the predetermined criteria includes a parameter selected from the group consisting of whether a loan provider accepts defaulted loans, whether a loan provider accepts spousal consolidations parameter and the loan provider's minimum balance for consolidation parameter.

5 15. The system of claim 10 wherein the qualification engine wherein the predetermined criteria includes whether a loan provider accepts defaulted loans, whether a loan provider accepts spousal consolidations and the loan provider's minimum balance requirement for consolidation.